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REMARKS

Claims 14-15 and 43-45 are pending and under consideration in the present application. Claims 1-13 and 16-35 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 43 has been amended to correct a typographical error. The Office Action mailed January 29, 2004 acknowledges that claims 14-15 and 43-50 are in condition for allowance, except that claims 1-13 and 16-35 drawn to a non-elected invention have not been canceled. Furthermore, the Office Action asserts that the application does not contain an abstract of the disclosure on a separate sheet.

Claims 1-13 and 16-35 are canceled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer. Furthermore, the present Amendment adds an Abstract to the specification that is identical to the Abstract from WO 99/03974, from which the present application claims priority. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 14-15 and 43-50 and issuance of a patent based on the present application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application. Please charge any additional fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355.

Respectfully submitted,

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